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THE same God who made the world, sustains and governs the works of his own hands. The providence of God is as obvious, as his existence. He did not speak things into being, and then leave them to chance ; but his eye directs, and his hand regulates what his power at first created. “ The Lord reigneth,” is a truth which will be acknowledged while there is a thinking, and contemplative man in the world. Upon no other principle can we rationally account for past events, or present occurrences. The bible affords us innumerable proofs of this fact ; and among the rest, none more striking than the history of Joseph, which is contained in the following sheets, and claims the attention of every reader. A proper observance of the providence

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